(c) what is the impact of the measures on the steadily rising price line?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): (a) to (c) The main thrust of the Government policy is to increase the production of essential commodities, particularly the ones which are in short supply. The Public Distribution System is being streamlined and expanded. Some of the essential commodities are imported to supplement the domestic supply. The export of essential commodities is regulated. Continuons action is being taken against the blackmarketeers and profiteers under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 and the Prevention of Blackmarketing and Maintenance of Supplies of Essential Commodities Act, 1980. As per available information, during the first six months of the current year, 2404 persons have been arrested under the Essential Commodities Act and 40 persons have been orderd to be detained under the PB Act. These measures are expected to keep the prices of essential commodities in check.

Government assistance to private colonisers in the National Capital Region

*166. SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN:

SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision to assist private colonisers in providing large scale housing in satellite towns of the National Capital Region; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR): (a) Government of India have not taken any decision to assist the private colonisers in providing housing in the National Capital Region area.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to (a) above.

Upgradation of Lucknow office of P.I.B.

*167. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering any proposal to upgrade the Lucknow office of P.I.B.; and

(b) if so, by what time the decision would be taken and implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V.N. GADGIL): (a) and (b) The Seventh Five Year Plan Schemes of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting include a proposal to upgrade the present branch office at Lucknow to the level of a regional office. However, its implementation would depend on the availability of resources.

Defective construction of D.D.A. flats

*168. SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHAWAHA:

SHRI J. P. GOYAL:

Will the Minster of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of DDA's MIG flats in Dilshad Gardens built in 1982 require major repairs even though these flats are yet to be allotted;

(b) whether it is also a fact that according to DDA's quality control cell, about 960 flats in Prashant Vihar and Pitampura had been built